

## POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

Docket Number: 0942.3840001/REF/AJK  
LTI Ref: 146

Life Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 9800 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 6/5/98 of an invention known as RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods (Attorney Docket No. 0942.3840001/REF/AJK), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s) Domenica A. SIMMS (said application filed on April 10, 1998 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/058,350).

The Assignee hereby appoints the following U.S. attorneys to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert Greene Sterne, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Registration No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Registration No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Registration No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Registration No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Registration No. 36,688, and Michael Q. Lee, Registration No. 35,239. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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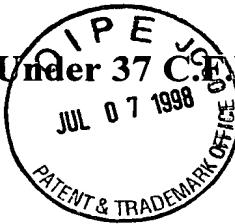
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Applicant(s): Domenica A. SIMMS

Application No: 09/058,350 Filed: April 10, 1998

For: RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods

Life Technologies, Inc., a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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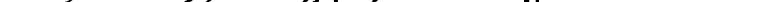
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Date: 6/15/98

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Title: Intellectual Property Attorney

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## ASSIGNMENT

Atty. Docket No. 0942.3840001/REF/AJK  
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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned: Domenica A. SIMMS, the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to Life Technologies, Inc. (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest

*check applicable box(es)*  for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),  
 and throughout the world,

in the invention(s) known as RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on 6/5/98 (also known as United States Application No. 09/058,350, filed April 10, 1998), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and in any and all reissues, extensions, renewals, reexaminations of such applications or Letters Patent(s) and divisional and continuation applications thereof, to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent(s) issue, including the right to sue for and collect for all past, present and future damages, such entire right, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee to the same extent as they would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference that may be declared concerning the application(s) or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

The undersigned hereby represents that the undersigned has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that the undersigned has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned hereby grant(s) Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Esquire, Registration No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esquire, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esquire, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esquire, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esquire, Registration No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esquire, Registration No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esquire, Registration No. 36,688; and Michael Q. Lee, Esquire, Registration No. 35,239, of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005-3934, power to insert in this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite their name(s).

Date 6/5/98

Signature of Inventor: Domenica A. SIMMS

Domenica A. SIMMS

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